

CITY OF AURORA, MINNESOTA

Resolution No. 2020-12

RESOLUTION In Support of Seeking Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for Funding Assistance with the St. James Pit Rising Water Levels Study, Mitigation, and Diversion Plan.

WHEREAS, the St. James Pit is an abandoned Iron Ore Mine within the City of Aurora and is not subject to new mining mitigation rules due to its operation many years ago, before rules were in place; and

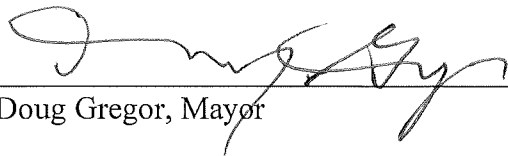
WHEREAS, currently the City receives its drinking water from this mine pit, and along with neighboring communities, has decided to switch to another source of water, and therefore Aurora will stop pumping water from the St. James Pit; and

WHEREAS, the water level will rise an estimated 33 feet requiring water discharge via a surface outlet that needs to be developed, the St. James pit walls will destabilize, aquifer water levels will rise promoting basement flooding, and unintended surface water discharges will occur; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Aurora, Minnesota supports its Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources \$305,000 grant application, to study using scientific data and analysis to determine groundwater flow directions, hydraulic gradients, and aquifer parameters, to determine future discharge plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Senator David Tomassoni, Representative David Lislegard, and Saint Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2020.



Doug Gregor, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator